

REMARKS

Statement of Substance of Interview Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b) and M.P.E.P. § 713.04, Applicants provide a summary of the interview between Applicants' representative and Examiner Landsman on February 1, 2008. Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended by Examiner Landsman.

During the interview, Applicants' representative sought to clarify the sequence election required in the Restriction Requirement. Applicants representative explained that that the restriction to a single T1R1 amino acid and nucleic acid sequence pair, as set forth in the Restriction Requirement, does not take into account the full scope of the claimed invention. Indeed, the claims require the expression of at least one T1R1 nucleic acid sequence and at least one T1R3 nucleic acid sequence. The Examiner agreed and indicated that an election of one T1R1 amino acid sequence and its corresponding nucleic acid sequence and one T1R3 amino acid sequence and its corresponding nucleic acid sequence was required.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants hereby provisionally elect **Group I**, which covers claims Claims 194-233, drawn to, according to the Office Action, a method of producing a heteromeric taste receptor and the following T1R1 and T1R3 amino acid and nucleic acid sequences: SEQ ID NOS: 5 and 8 and SEQ ID NOS: 7 and 9, respectively. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional and/or continuation applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.